

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
SHINJI ERITATE ET AL. ) : Examiner: Alix Echelmeyer  
Application No.: 10/559,609 ) : Group Art Unit: 1795  
Int'l Application No. PCT/JP2004/013864 ) : Confirmation No. 1529  
Filed: September 15, 2004 ) :  
For: MEMBRANE ELECTRODE )  
ASSEMBLY, PRODUCTION :  
METHOD FOR THE SAME, AND )  
PROTON-EXCHANGE :  
MEMBRANE FUEL CELL ) October 14, 2008

Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

I. Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 13, 2008 for one (1) month, from September 13, 2008 to October 13, 2008 (Holiday). The fee in the amount of \$130.00 for payment of the extension fee is submitted herewith via Deposit Account 50-3939. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

II. In response to the Office Action dated June 13, 2008, and further to the Response filed September 11, 2008, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.